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### Services

#### Reference Assistance

Whether you need a specific piece of information or some guidance in navigating a legal research website, our reference staff will do their best to help you. Anyone may use our general [reference service](#), available in person and by email, phone, fax or mail. [Please note that library staff cannot give legal advice.] For judges and attorneys, we also offer case law and citator research services.

#### Document Delivery

Our staff can track down and deliver all types of legal information, whether it's a copy of a case, an article, a book, a government publication, or some other print or electronic document from our own collection or around the world. If it's published, printed, posted, recorded or videotaped, we can probably locate it for you. Delivery options include email, fax, mail and FedEx. Find out more by visiting our [Order a Document](#) webpage.

#### [WSLL Website](#)

The State Law Library website is a virtual "one stop shop" for legal and government information. The Legal Topics A-Z page alone contains thousands of links arranged in over 400 different topics, from Abortion to Zoning Law. The Wisconsin Law page provides access to free web resources like the Wisconsin Statutes, Attorney General opinions, court websites, local ordinances, and much more. You can also search the library catalog, and electronic databases of journal and newspaper articles.

#### Circulation

The State Law Library extends [borrowing privileges](#) to Wisconsin judges and court staff, private attorneys, and government employees. To obtain a library card, visit any one of our [three libraries](#) or, if you're unable to visit, contact the State Law Library to request a card by mail. To borrow materials, start by searching our online catalog to find out whether the item you want is currently available. See "Search Catalog" in the upper right corner of our [homepage](#). Wisconsin judges and attorneys who are unable to come to the library may borrow materials through our [Borrow by Mail](#) service.

#### After Hours Service for Attorneys

Wisconsin-licensed attorneys who would prefer to use the State Law Library in the evening or on the weekend may subscribe to our After Hours Service. This convenient service allows subscribers to access the library from 5 to 10 p.m. M-F and 8 to 6 on Saturdays and Sundays. For complete details and subscription information, see our [After Hours Service](#) webpage.

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### Hands-on Legal Research Classes

The library offers free and fee-based classes on doing legal research and using electronic resources in the legal research process. Most classes are held in the library's computer training room, which is equipped with eight computers for hands-on instruction. Some classes are presented in demonstration or lecture format in the Rare Book Room. To find out what classes are being offered at any time, visit our [Classes](#) & [Tours](#) webpages.

### Library Tours & Orientations

Interested in a firsthand look at the State Law Library? To schedule a tour for your group or an orientation session for new law firm or government agency staff, contact Tammy Keller, program assistant, at 608-261-7553 or [Tammy.Keller@wicourts.gov](mailto:Tammy.Keller@wicourts.gov)

### Room Rentals

Are you in need of a nice place in downtown Madison to meet with a client or hold a training session for your staff? The State Law Library has a variety of rooms available for hourly rental. Information about each room, including photos, may be found on our [Room Rental](#) webpage.

### Specialized Resources Available @ WSL

#### Wisconsin Briefs

The State Law Library provides public access to the briefs and appendices for cases decided by the Wisconsin Supreme Court and Court of Appeals. Briefs for cases dated 1992 to the present are [available on the web](#). Earlier ones may be used in the library, and copies may be requested through our Reference Service. For more information, visit our [Wisconsin Briefs](#) webpage.

#### Judicial Council Collection

If you're researching the legislative history or intent of a Supreme Court Rule or a court-related statute, the State Law Library's Judicial Council Collection might be of interest. It contains Council minutes and committee-related documents from the 1950's to the present. Detailed information and a finding aid for the committee documents are available on our [Judicial Council Collection](#) webpage.

#### Wisconsin Administrative Code "Replaced Pages"

The State Law Library is one of very few libraries that maintain a collection of superseded pages from the Wisconsin Administrative Code. Dating back to the 1950's, the "Replaced Pages Collection" (as we call it) is an invaluable resource for anyone researching the history or needing the previous language of a particular Admin Code section. For assistance or to obtain copies from this collection, contact the [Reference Desk](#).

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